



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers with Mayor Andrew L. Dawson presiding. Mayor Dawson called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of prayer led by Chaplain Byron Matson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Rows include Jack Robinson, Thomas Oldham, Chris Marshall, Tina Boggess, Bob Hiller, Bob Cross, Rhiannon Foster, Steve Bloess.

SERVICE/RETIREMENT AWARDS: None

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Sedalia Fire Department – Badge Pinning: Fire Chief Matt Irwin stated Farley Burke has completed her probationary period and has earned her right to wear the badge of the Sedalia Fire Department.

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of April 3, 2023 were approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Marshall. All in favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: The Citizens Traffic Advisory Commission minutes dated March 15, 2023 were accepted on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All in favor.

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Chris Marshall, Chairman; Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman

Presentation: Ukrainian Festival Event

Ukrainian Festival organizers from The Sedalia Tabernacle presented an update on the 2022 Ukrainian Festival. \$26,500 was raised for the Citizens of Ukraine and the church donated \$60,000 to help Ukrainian refugees with housing, clothing and food until they are able to obtain government assistance.

At this year’s festival, a map will be displayed showing where funds helped provide food, clothing, and other necessities to those in need. Organizers presented 2 videos, the first highlighted events from the 2022 festival and the second included Ukrainian citizens expressing appreciation for donations, their current conditions and how volunteers are helping.

The 2023 Ukrainian Festival will be held April 29, 2023 at the Downtown Pavilion from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and proceeds will go towards humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Presentation: Self-Funding Health Insurance

Terri Etter, with IMA Financial Group, presented a 3 year plan for the City of Sedalia to establish a self-funding medical plan. The first year, the City would move into a bundled partially self-insured plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City. This allows members to have the same network providers and keep all products bundled and the City will have plan discretion based off what works best for employees. This will also allow money paid towards premiums not being used, to be held in a reserve that goes back to the City.

The first year of the plan, claims will be significantly lower and still paid for through the fully insured plan. Claims typically have a 1-2 month lag time and a majority of "run-out claims" will be paid in the first 3 months. The carrier will still be responsible for payment of all claims incurred in 2023 and paid in 2024. Premiums for 2023 are estimated at \$1,671,708.00 and 2024 is estimated at \$1,764,698.00. In 2024, estimated self-funded funds is \$1,842,362, immature projected cost is \$1,682,034, mature cost is \$2,027,183 and estimated reserve amount is \$160,328.00. City Administrator Kelvin Shaw added that plans are more flexible and the health and wellness of employees lowers costs as well. A recommendation for Council consideration will be brought to the October 2, 2023 Council Meeting.

Financial Update: Finance Director Jessica Pyle stated for March 2023, Sales and Use Tax increased \$1.1 Million or 6.8% with a budget variance of \$470,835 for the past 12 months. Franchise Tax increased \$176,518 primarily due to Gas Tax. Transportation Tax increased 19% due to Gas Tax and vehicle sales were up 1.9% fiscal year-to-date. Property Tax Payments are up 4.5% for the month. April Sales and Use Tax increased \$155,907.00 or 11.6% over last fiscal year with a budget increase of \$102,120.00.

PUBLIC WORKS – Thomas Oldham, Chairman; Tina Boggess, Vice Chairwoman

➤ To help retain employees, Staff recommends implementing a Paid Time Off Policy for part-time park employees. BILL NO. 2023-60, ORDINANCE NO. 11778 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PAID TIME OFF POLICY FOR PART-TIME PARK EMPLOYEES was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted "No".

➤ The Public Works Department is requesting approval of a quote for roadway asphalt from Capital Materials. Cost is \$80.00/ton for recycled material and \$92.00/ton for recycled material with fiber. Material prices are less than the MODOT contracted amount. Motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson to approve the quote. All in favor.

➤ The sales agreements with Foley Equipment Company are for a Caterpillar Steel Wheel Roller in the amount of \$184,500 and a Caterpillar B6S Skid Steer Hammer in the amount of \$10,800. Both items are for the Street Department.

BILL NO. 2023-61, ORDINANCE NO. 11779 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASING OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted "No".

➤ The sales agreement with Foley Equipment Company is for a Caterpillar Mini-Excavator for the Water Department in the amount of \$95,550.

BILL NO. 2023-62, ORDINANCE NO. 11780 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALES AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASING OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Jack Robinson, Chairman; Steve Bloess, Vice Chairman

- The Sedalia Fire Department is proposing an agreement with qualified recruits to work for the City for 2 years after certification. If not, they will be responsible for costs accrued. Councilman Hiller asked if 2 years is enough time for the City to recoup costs and Fire Chief Matt Irwin stated he would rather keep them with the City for 24 months than have them reimburse the costs. Mayor Dawson asked what kind of screening process is in place and when the probation period would end. Fire Chief Irwin stated the process includes all testing and background checks that occur when hiring someone who is already certified. If someone fails or does not complete the program they would incur the costs up to that point. The probation period starts the day they are hired, lasts 6 months and can be extended.

BILL NO. 2023-63, ORDINANCE NO. 11781 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAINING AGREEMENT FOR NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Robinson. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

- A budget amendment was approved at the February 22, 2023 Council Meeting regarding a grant to purchase gear extractors. It did not make the April 1, 2023 deadline and the money was not carried over into FY 2024, therefore, a budget amendment is needed to reauthorize the purchase.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, STATING FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE NECESSITY TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE CITY’S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 was read once by title and approved on motion by Oldham , seconded by Robinson. All in favor.

BILL NO. 2023-64, ORDINANCE NO. 11782 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 REGARDING A FIRE GRANT PURCHASE OF GEAR EXTRACTORS was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Hiller. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Robinson. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Rhiannon Foster, Chairwoman; Bob Cross, Vice Chairman

- Trash and rubbish is becoming a nuisance on some properties and has been an ongoing concern. City Prosecutor Todd Smith and Judge Beard drafted a code addressing the issues while protecting property owner rights. The addendum provides a process for the Judge to sign off on an abatement action to dispose of trash/rubbish documented with pictures and bill abatement costs to property owners.

BILL NO. 2023-65, ORDINANCE NO. 11783 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, AMENDING ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE TO ADD SECTION 10-462 ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR ABATEMENT OF TRASH FOR REPEAT VIOLATORS was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Cross. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

➤ After several public meetings, the Transitional Services draft Ordinance is near final form for consideration. Staff was directed by Council to gather additional information regarding buffer zones and Council decided to add corridors used by children to go to and from schools. Staff has been working on ways to code the concept and it will require more research. It was suggested to consider the Ordinance as drafted without corridors. Councilwoman Foster stated the issue was discussed at the Community Development Committee Meeting and there was concern regarding the corridors. Councilwoman Boggess added that she understood the complexity and need for more time to work on the corridors but there is still concern for the security of children walking in some of the areas. Councilwoman Boggess suggested increasing the buffer zone from 1,000 ft. to 1,500 ft. and add corridors later. Motion by Boggess, seconded by Oldham to amend the Ordinance to change buffer zones from 1,000 ft. to 1,500 ft. and add corridors at a later date. All in favor. Councilwoman Foster added they are concerned for the safety of children and want to make sure they are doing everything to keep them safe.

BILL NO. 2023-66, ORDINANCE NO. 11784 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO INCLUDE SECTIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES RELATED TO REDUCING HOMELESSNESS was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Robinson. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross and Foster. Voting “No” was Bloess.

APPOINTMENTS: None

BIDS: None

LIQUOR LICENSES: The following new/renewal Liquor Licenses were read and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All in favor.

New:

*Kristina Moore dba Casey’s #4277, 1101 N Limit, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

Renewal:

*Henry Hatfield dba East Street Bar, 1201 E 3rd, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

The Council Meeting adjourned sine die at 7:39 p.m. on motion by Marshall, seconded by Robinson. All in favor.

The newly elected City Council Members were called forward and given the Oath of Office by Jason S. Myers, City Clerk, and were presented Certificates of Election and then took their seats at the dias.

Thomas J. Oldham, 1st Ward Councilman
Chris Marshall , 2nd Ward Councilman
Bob Hiller, 3rd Ward Councilman
Bob Cross, 3rd Ward Councilman
Steve Bloess, 4th Ward Councilman

MAYOR PRO-TEM:

Motion by Cross, seconded by Hiller to nominate Councilwoman Foster for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Boggess, seconded by Oldham to nominate Councilman Bloess for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Dawson ceased nominations.

Roll Call vote for Mayor Pro-Tem was as follows:

Jack Robinson	Bloess	Bob Hiller	Foster
Thomas Oldham	Bloess	Bob Cross	Foster
Chris Marshall	Foster	Rhiannon Foster	Foster
Tina Boggess	Bloess	Steve Bloess	Bloess

Mayor Dawson broke the tie by casting his vote for Councilwoman Foster.

Rhiannon Foster was elected Mayor Pro-Tem.

SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Mayor Dawson provided Council with a list of new chairmen and vice chairmen for Council Committees as follows:

Community Development – Rhiannon Foster, Chairwoman; Tina Boggess, Vice Chairwoman; Steve Bloess and Bob Cross, Members

Public Works – Tom Oldham, Chairman; Chris Marshall, Vice Chairman; Bob Cross, Member

Public Safety – Jack Robinson, Chairman; Steve Bloess, Vice Chairman; Bob Hiller, Member

Finance & Administration – Chris Marshall, Chairman; Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman; Tom Oldham, Member

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Chris Marshall, Chairman; Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman

- Mayor Dawson provided the Fraud Policy and Council Code of Conduct to Council Members to be acknowledged, signed and returned to him.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilman Hiller commended Police Chief Wirt and the Sedalia Police Department on their training and the way they handled themselves during recent events.

City Administrator Kelvin Shaw congratulated the newly elected Council Members and thanked them for their service.

GOOD & WELFARE:

John Kehde, 708 W 5th, commended the City and State for working together to clean up Broadway with the mill and overlay under the Katy Trail Overpass.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Cross to a closed door meeting in the upstairs conference room pursuant to subsections 1 (Legal Advice), 2 (Real Estate) and 12 (Negotiated Contracts) of Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted "No".

The regular meeting reopened at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Oldham. All in favor.

ROLL CALL:

Jack Robinson	Present	Bob Hiller	Present
Thomas Oldham	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Chris Marshall	Present	Rhiannon Foster	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR MEETING:

BILL NO. 2023-67, ORDINANCE NO. 11785 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 321 EAST MAIN STREET FROM JOSHUA BROOKS HEIMSOOTH AND HAYLEA KAY HEIMSOOTH TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

BILL NO. 2023-68, ORDINANCE NO. 11786 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 317 EAST CLAY FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA MISSOURI TO EDWARDS PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION was read once by title.

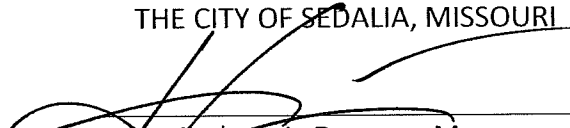
2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in favor.

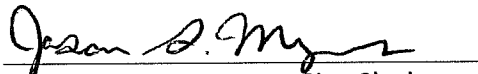
Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

The regular meeting closed at 8:32 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Marshall. All in favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI



Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor



Jason S. Myers, City Clerk